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Mr. Dean Fowler
Spokane County Utilities
1026 West Broadway
Spokane, WA 99260

Dear Mr. Fowler:

RE: Colbert Landfill - Trust Fund Budget

Thank you for your July 19, 1994, letter requesting a meeting between Ecology and Spokane County to resolve Trust Fund issues. Ecology believes such a meeting should focus on the central issue, the Trust Fund budget. Before scheduling the meeting, we will want to review the County's proposed budget for disbursement from the Trust Fund.

The County's proposed budget should contain the following fiduciary information: 1) written and numerical justification for the dollar amounts spent, and for dollar amounts projected to be spent; and, 2) a written description of spending categories which provide the reader an understanding of the rationale for spending Colbert Trust Fund money. Ecology's June 7 letter to the County asked for six to twelve spending categories. Although the Trust Fund under the Consent Decree was subject to comment by the citizens of Spokane County, we are not requiring the budget to be the subject of public comment. However, we trust the County will display the same level of detail and deliberation in presenting a Fund budget for the Colbert record, as the County would display in presenting the budget to its citizens.

The County's proposed budget should also address the issues raised by Ecology in the June 7 letter, particularly landfill closure (i.e., capping) because of its significant positive impact on remediation, and because it is required under the Consent Decree. If the budget is controversial due to inclusion or lack of items, hopefully the controversy can be resolved amiably in a well defined meeting.

Please do not include expenditures or financial information regarding Mica, Greenacres, or other county landfills. My responsibility as Ecology's project manager for the Colbert Landfill does not include other county landfills.

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In summary, Ecology is asking Spokane County to submit a proposed budget for Trust Fund disbursements prior to scheduling a meeting to discuss Trust Fund issues. If you have any questions regarding this letter or Ecology's budget expectations, please do not hesitate to contact me at (206) 407-7239.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael Kuntz".

Michael Kuntz
Project Manager
Toxics Cleanup Program

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cc: Dennis Scott, Spokane County
Neil Thompson, EPA Region X